

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE K.C. BHANU

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WRIT PETITION NO : 21855 of 2005

Between:

K.Achari, S/o. K. Appa Rao,
Physically Handicapped, R/o. Gopalapuram,
Visakhapatnam District.

..... PETITIONER

AND

The Superintendent of Police,
Vizianagaram District at Vizianagaram.

.....RESPONDENT

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ORDER:

The petitioner states that he ekes out his livelihood by arranging skill games such as ring throw, ball box, video games, dart throw, steel games etc., as a mobile vendor. He states, that these games involve skill and are thus excluded from the ambit of A.P. Gaming Act, 1974 (for short 'the Act') *qua* Section 15 of the Act. He also asserts that he is not indulging in any other activities prohibited either under the Act or any other legislation. Yet, the petitioner complains, the officials of the respondents are

interfering with the petitioner's legitimate activities and not permitting him to pursue his business of skill games. In the circumstances, the writ petition is filed for appropriate relief.

2. Learned Government Pleader for Home concedes the legal position that the respondent is not entitled to interfere in any legitimate activity of a citizen, including the petitioner, in respect of exhibition of skill games such as ring throw, ball box, video games, dart throw, steel games etc., which are games of skills.

3. In the circumstances, the writ petition is disposed of directing the respondent not to interfere with the legitimate business of the petitioner. No costs.

K.C.BHANU, J.

Date: 06th October 2005.

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